

U.S. Embassy Lusaka, Zambia
Warden Message
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Kuomboka Ceremony – Potential for Violence

Due to unresolved issues in Western Province and the violent actions that took place in Mongu and Limilunga Village near the Litunga's Palace in January, the U.S. Embassy renews its advice to U.S. citizens to avoid unnecessary travel to these areas and in all cases to avoid political rallies, demonstrations or large crowds.

The U.S. Embassy cannot exclude the possibility that groups may try to take advantage of the Kuomboka Ceremony, tentatively scheduled for April 15 in Mongu, to provoke political violence.

U.S. citizens present in Western Province should stay current with media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens can obtain Embassy updates by checking the [U.S. Embassy, Zambia web site](http://zambia.usembassy.gov) (<http://zambia.usembassy.gov>). You can also obtain global updates at the U.S. Department of State's [Bureau of Consular Affairs website](#) where you can find the current [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts and [Country Specific Information for Zambia](#). If you do not have Internet access, you may contact the call center for updates--1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except federal holidays).

If your contact information has changed, please update your information with the Embassy via the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program](http://travel.state.gov/step) (STEP) (<http://travel.state.gov/step>) – formerly known as the Internet Based Registration Service (IBRS). It is important to include your current phone number and current email address where you can be reached in case of an emergency.

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